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Election of Members

For the Ensuing

PARLIAMENT.

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Some Queries concerning the Election of Members of the Enſuing Parliament.

1. WHether the King hath not lately by Actions, as well as Promiſes, declar'd himſelf for the Intereſt of the Church of *England*; and whether thoſe Republicans, who have always made it their buſineſs to libel Kings, can more effectually abuſe his Preſent Majeſty, than in traducing him as their Friend, and in uſing, as heretofore, a Kings Name againſt his Deſign and Intereſt?

2. Whether thoſe are true to the Intereſt of that Church, who endeavour'd in the laſt Seſſion to incapacitate ſome of the beſt Members of it; and who were ſo far from granting that Amneſty which the King deſir'd and propos'd, that they carried their Fury back to more than one preceeding Reign, and ſet aſide all Acts of Indemnity, but that, which moſt of them need, in the Year 1660?

3. Whether ſince the Diſſenters do not now deſire a Toleration for themſelves, which we have already granted, but openly threaten and purſue their Revenge on us, it is not neceſſary that theſe apparent dangers, at leaſt, ſhould awaken us out of our Lethargy; and whether the Negligence of the Church of *England*, which on like occaſions heretofore, was thought the reſult of Pity and Good Nature, would not now be eſteem'd the Effect of Cowardize and Stupidity?

4. Whether thoſe Gentlemen of the Sword, who have Offices in *Ireland*, would not be better imploy'd in a Council of War than a Senate-Houſe? Whether, if they think it convenient, it would not be proper for them to make one Viſit to the *Remains* of their Regiments there, and to contribute by ſome other means to the Reducing that Kingdom, than by *giving Taxes*?

5. Whether thoſe reſtleſs Phanaticks, who have been bred up in Rebellion, and have always ſince been active Promoters of Sedition, ought not in conſcience to deſiſt now, and to be contented with the *ſingle* glory of having *once* ruin'd this Kingdom?

6. Whether thoſe Worthy Gentlemen have been juſtly expos'd, in a late impudent Pamphlet, that were more haſty for ſending a *ſpeedy Relief* into *Ireland*, than for changing the Right of Succeſſion in an Hereditary Kingdom; and whether they may not poſſibly deſerve a place again in the Houſe, though they thought it more Expedient for this Nation to beat K. *James* out of that *One* Kingdom, than to Vote his Daughter out of *Three*?

See a Liſt of thoſe that were for the Regency 1690. Lond.

7. Whether the King be not now ſenſible, that moſt of thoſe haſty Abdicators did not change the Succeſſion out of kindneſs to him, but out of a farther Deſign of bringing in a Commonwealth, or, in other words, of making this an Elective, and precarious Monarchy?

8. Whether the Temper of thoſe Excellent Members deſerves Cenſure, who have promoted a General Pardon, and in that an Univerſal Quiet and Satisfaction; and who were not very active in ſuſpending the Biſhops, *unwhipping Oats*, and in Excepting every body out of the *no-Act* of Indemnity?

9. Whether any Man can juſtly ſtand Recommended to your Choice by no other Advantages than thoſe of an old Treaſon, and a long Exile for it? and whether one may reaſonably be thought to have improv'd his Crime into Vertue, and to become a *Patriot* of his Country, by being *outlaw'd* into *Holland*?

10. Whether ſuch men as theſe may not poſſibly be Factors for *Geneva* and *Amſterdam*, and more mindful of their late Fellow-Burgers than their old Countrymen; and whether their frequent proteſtation, That they are *true Engliſhmen*, would not convince the greateſt Sceptick, (if he

he underſtands their veracity,) That they are *not* ſo.

11. Whether our good Brethren the *Dutch*, according to their uſual kindneſs, would not, in all probability, have forborn to arreſt us for their Debt, till the Conqueſt of *Ireland* had put us in a capacity of repaying them; and whether thoſe Men, who in the abſence of moſt of the Members, gave 600000 *l.* to the *Dutch*, did not more conſider their own good will to the Creditors, than our ability.

12. Whether it was not a ſtrange inſtance of Juſtice, in a Knight of the Shire, to move for a new aſſeſsment of his own County; and whether if the County do not chooſe him again. They will not demonſtratively ſhew, that they have more kindneſs for their Money than their Repreſentative? *I do not mean Sir* R. Nudigate, *nor Sir* R. Cotton *of* Cheſhire.

13. Whether there ever was a better Parliament in General, than that of K. *James* the Second, and whether any body would approve the Re-election of thoſe worthy Members, who do not wiſh for a new *Monmouth*, and another *Argyle*?

14. Whether many honeſt Gentlemen, of Nice Principles, did not deſiſt from ſtanding at the laſt Election, as having raiſed more Scruples to themſelves than they could eaſily anſwer; and therefore not hoping to untie the *Gordian* Knot, put it for once into the hands of thoſe men who could effectually cut it. And whether now theſe Gentlemen will not be concern'd to redeem their neglect, and the more diligently to avert the blow, by how much the leſs careful they were to prevent the ſtroke.

15. Whether the Clergy of the C. of *E.* are not concern'd to be as diligent againſt Phanaticiſm now, as of late againſt Popery; at leaſt, ſuch of them as have a greater Reſpect for Pulpits and Chappels, than for Tubs and Barns?

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16. Whether if thoſe men who were incapacitated for procuring or conſenting to Surrenders, ſhall again Vote for their Judges, they will not give a ſignal Inſtance of their forgiving humour, and ſhew to the World, that they have a great ſhare of *good Nature*, though perhaps not an equal portion of *Senſe*?

Qu. Whether Mr. Sacheverell.

17. Whether it would not be Heroick for all thoſe Publick-Spirited Gentlemen, to take up Mr. *S——'s* Reſolution of never ſtanding again till they can be choſen by *honeſt Regulators only*?

18. Whether the incapacitating Clauſe was not brought into the Houſe by Mr. *Sach*———and whether the following Liſt be not a true account of thoſe that ſeconded him in it?

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, Steward, Sheriff, Common-Council-man, Town-Clerk, Magiſtrate, or Officer; who did take upon him to conſent to, or joyn in, any ſuch Surrender, or Inſtrument purporting ſuch Surrender as aforeſaid. Or did ſolicit, procure, proſecute, or did pay or contribute to the charge of proſecuting any Scire facias, Quo Warranto, *or Information in the nature of* Quo Warrauto, *by this Act declared void, ſhall be, and is declared, adjudged, and Enacted to be for the ſpace of ſeven years uncapable, and diſabled to all Intents and Purpoſes, to bear, or execure any Office, Imployment, or Place of Truſt, as a Member of ſuch reſpective Body Corporate, or in or for ſuch reſpective City, Town, Burg or Cinque-port, whereof, or wherein he was a Member, at, or before the time of making ſuch Surrender, or Inſtrument purporting ſuch Surrender, or the ſuing out, or proſecuting ſuch* Scire facias, Quo Warranto, *or Information in nature of* Quo Warranto, *any thing in this Act contained, or any other Caſe, Statute, or any Ordinance, Charter, Cuſtom, or any thing to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.*

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